DIVISION OF FOREST PEST CONTROL
U. S. FOREST SERVICE
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

REPORT OF AERIAL DETECTION SURVEY

LAND OWNERSHIP OF SURVEY AREA: Ocala National Forest

STATE: Florida COUNTY: Marion and Lake DATE: 1-15-76

ACREAGE WITHIN SURVEY BOUNDARY: 430,349 PERCENT SURVEY COVERAGE: 25%

AIRCRAFT: Cessna 182 SURVEY CREW: McDowell and Bassett

DETECTION SURVEY OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of this survey was to detect any forest insect and/or disease activity for possible follow-up biological evaluation survey if necessary. This survey was directed to detection of pine bark beetle infestations.

SURVEY RESULTS: Very few dead and dying trees were spotted on the forest, as compared to previous years. No fresh red or fading trees were located. This tends to indicate that bark beetle activity on the forest continues at a very low level.

SUMMARY: Due to the low level of bark beetle activity on the forest, there will be no biological evaluation at this time. The office of Forest Resource Protection in Asheville, North Carolina, will upon notification, schedule another detection and/or biological evaluation as deemed necessary.

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